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Legislature authorizes funding for I-15 CORE

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The revenue and bonding package authorized during the 2009 legislative session allows for a \$1.725 billion reconstruction of I-15 from American Fork to Provo. Final scope and budget will be determined by the Transportation Commission and through the procurement approach of fixed price/best design.

We are confident our efforts of cost-reduction planning, a favorable bidding environment and the procurement approach of fixed price/best design will enable us to provide a transportation solution for critical areas along the corridor and stay within the allocated budget.

We are ready to tackle an aggressive timeline of actively planning, designing, collaborating with communities and working to select the right design-build contractor team for I-15. It is anticipated that construction will begin in late spring or early summer 2010.

An informational meeting will be held on April 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Salt Lake City, UT for all members of the industry who are interested in participating in I-15 CORE. The meeting will also be broadcast live over the internet.

I-15 CORE is an important investment in Utah's economic vitality and is necessary to replace aging infrastructure, support growing travel demand and provide more efficient movement of goods throughout the state.

Melita Stringham, Public Involvement Manager, stated "We are grateful for the trust placed in UDOT to rebuild and expand one of Utah's most vital corridors and we are confident we can deliver a valuable transportation solution."

For more information, please visit the I-15 CORE website, www.i15core.utah.gov.